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PYGMALION

THE "TRUTH" IS ALWAYS WEARING A COSTUME.

THE COSTUME KNOWN AS "LIES"...

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知ってるかい……?

CHAPTER I THE TALE OF PYGMALION

-2015年度開催-
当地マスコットフェスティバ
THE DAY IS FINALLY HERE!!
IT'S TIME FOR THE NATIONAL LOCAL MASCOT FESTIVAL!!
-2015年度開催-
全国ご当地マスコットフェスティバル
HAVE A LOOK!

ARE MEETING ALL THEIR FANS IN TODAY'S FESTIVAL!

IT'S HAPPENING ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY! EVERY REGION'S LOCAL MASCOTS

HERE'S BUNAKKI, WHO'S GETTING MORE AND MORE POPULAR BY THE DAY!

EVERY SINGLE PREFECTURE'S MASCOT IS OUT TO MEET THEIR FANS TODAY, FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF 43201

WE'VE GOT MASCOTS FROM TOKYO, OSAKA, NAGOYA, AND MORE!

I CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR HERE IN OSAKA, BUT THIS PLACE IS ABSOLUTELY PACKED!

JUST THINKING ABOUT THIS HAPPENING ALL OVER JAPAN IS GETTING ME SO EXCITED!

GEEZ...

YEAH, *TOO* PACKED...

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KEIGO AYAHARA

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

AND IT'S FREAKING BOILING, TOO...

SERIOUSLY, COSTUME, COSTUME, PERSON, PERSON, COSTUME, PERSON, PERSON, PERSON, PERSON...

FREEZE.

ピュッ

.....

HOW THE HELL ARE THEY WEARING THOSE THINGS WHEN IT'S THIS HOT OUT?

HUH?

AAAAAAAA

HERE, I BOUGHT SOME DRINKS,

KEI!

AHAHA! THAT WAS EVEN BETTER THAN I HOPED!

...PFT-

AKO SEJIMA

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

KEIGO-OOOO!

HERE YOU GO.

YOU WANT THE COKE OR THE TEA?

...COKE.

AKO, YOU...

WAAAAHHH!!

HUH!?

WAI-

KEIGOOO!

I GOT TO SHAKE BUNAKKI'S HAND AND HE GAVE ME THIS!

MAKOTO AYAHARA

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT

LOOK, KEIGO! LOOK, LOOK!

ISN'T IT COOL!?

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ゆっさ

ISN'T .T AWESOME!? LOOK, LOOK, LOOK, LOOK!!

IT'S A LEAF FROM HIS HEAD!

THIS IS...

LOOK, KEIGO!

SHUT UUUUUP!

YEAH, RIGHT?

WOW, THAT'S GREAT, MAKO!

WE SPENT IN PEACE,

OKAY, OKAY!

YOU LOOK TOO, KEIGO!

YEAH!

CAN I SEE, MAKO?

THE STORY OF THE LAST MOMENTS

AND THE HELL

THAT WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN...

A FEW WEEKS AGO

AYAHARA

THE NATIONAL LOCAL MASCOT FESTIVAL?

YUP!

MY DAD GOT PICKED TO HELP MANAGE IT IN OSAKA.

I WAS THINKING WE COULD ALL GO HAVE FUN THERE TOGETHER.

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SO HELPFUL TO US,

AND MAKO LOVES THOSE CHARACTERS. I'M SURE HE'LL HAVE A GREAT TIME!

WELL? HOW ABOUT IT, AUNT AKANE?

HMM...

I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY TIME OFF THIS SUMMER THOUGH...

AKANE AYAHARA

OFFICE WORKER

THAT'S AWE-SOME!

WOW, CUTE!

OH, AKO!

KEIGO MADE THIS FOR ME!

MOMMY, LOOK!

YO!

WHAT'RE YOU HERE FOR, AKO?

OH?

YOU'LL RIP IT IF YOU RUN AROUND WITH IT LIKE THAT

MA-KOTO,

AH!

SURE, THANKS SO MUCH!

DINNER'S JUST ABOUT READY, AKO. YOU WANT TO STAY?

OSAKA?

WHAT FOR?

I WAS JUST SAYING WE SHOULD ALL GO TO OSAKA TOGETHER.

I GET IT NOW.

ALRIGHT...!

AND NOW FOR THE 7-O'CLOCK NEWS.

HM?

OH, THAT?

You've got a rice on your face

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU *MADE* THAT.

...BUT MAN, YOU'RE REALLY GREAT WITH YOUR HANDS, KEI

RIGHT...

.....

Mm, this's good

SO I'VE GOTTA AT LEAST BE ABLE TO DO THAT MUCH TO HELP OUT AROUND THE HOUSE.

WELL, IT'S JUST MOM AND THE TWO OF US,

HUH!?

JUST GO TO THE FESTIVAL WITHOUT ME?

WHY DON'T YOU

PLUS, IS IT EVEN SAFE FOR KIDS TO BE TRAVELING ON THEIR OWN?

I MEAN...

I'D FEEL BAD ABOUT LEAVING YOU ALONE...

WHY NOT?

WOULD THAT REALLY BE OKAY?

AND YOU'LL BE WITH MAKOTO AND AKO, SO THEY'LL BE FINE.

WELL, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

WHA!?

YOU'RE SO CUTE WHEN YOU TRY TO BE ALL MATURE!

AHAHA!

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS,

I KNOW YOU'LL PROTECT THEM!

.....!

YAAAY! I'M GONNA WEAR THIS!

IT'LL BE WAY TOO HOT!!

WHAT!?

YOU GET TO BE OUR BODY-GUARD!

OKAY!

WHERE A WOMAN'S BODY WAS FOUND TORN TO PIECES...

...EARLY MORNING

IN THE MOUNTAINS,

HEY, IS BUNAKKI GONNA BE THERE!? I WANNA MEET BUNAKKI!!

C'MON, YOU'RE MAKING TOO BIG OF A DEAL ABOUT THIS, MOM.

KEIGOO!

HURRY UUUUP!!

THAT'S NOT WHAT THAT MEANS.

WELL, HE DOES LOOK LIKE HE'S WALKING ON AIR!

HOW'S HE SO HYPER?

He's gotta be sweating to death in that

THIS'S SO MUCH FUN!!

HM?

HEY, KEIGO!

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YEAH.

IT IS.

HEY, KEI?

.....

YEAH?

Ah! Tanwan!

WHAT'RE YOU ASKING THAT FOR...?

DO I *LOOK* LONELY?

HUH!?

ARE YOU LONELY.. WITHOUT YOUR DAD?

AKO...

.....

A BIT.

YEAH.

A STUPIDLY HYPERACTIVE LITTLE BROTHER,

I'VE GOT A MOM WHO WORKS HER BUTT OFF TO SUPPORT US,

HOW THE HELL COULD I BE LONELY?

!

AND A FRIEND WHO'S ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT ME

AND DOES WHATEVER SHE CAN TO HELP US OUT.

RIGHT!

HEY, DAD!

IT'S MY DAD.

OH!

HEY, UNCLE.

THAT'S GREAT! OH, KEIGO AND MAKOTO!

ENJOYING THE FEST.VAL?

Uncle!

YEAH! IT'S A TON OF FUN!

AH, AKO!

THERE'S GOING TO BE A SURPRISE EVENT SOON.

YOU TWO JUST KEEP HAVING FUN

OH! THAT'S GREAT!

LOOK! BUNAKKI GAVE ME THIS!

WE'RE PRETTY MUCH GETTING READY FOR A SURPRISE THAT EVEN MANAGEMENT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.

YEAH. THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY THAT'S SPONSORING THE WHOLE EVENT IS GOING TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON NATIONAL TV.

A SURPRISE?

WAITING

TOKYO: T-TV

IT SHOULD BE FUN FOR US TOO.

THE PRESIDENT IS REALLY AN INCREDIBLE GUY.

"WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS THAT YOU WEREN'T EXPECTING TO HAPPEN," I GUESS?

WAH!

HMM...

WHAT'S A "SAPRAIZ?"

HM?

HEY, AKO!

中央公園

STUPID MAKOTO RUNNING INTO ME AND SHAKING IT UP...

OH...

SAPRAIZ!

AH...

YEAH...

I'M GONNA RUN TO THE BATH-ROOM.

YOU SHOULD PROBABLY WASH THAT OFF.

THIS IS *YOUR* FAULT!!

KEIGO, MOMMY ALWAYS SAYS YOU SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD.

OW!

ALL THE BATHROOMS ARE FULL..

SHEESH.

A GUN!?

SOR... RY...

!?

AH...

.....

HE'S GOTTA BE YAKUZA ..

Scary.

UH... OKAY...

MY BAD.

WASN'T LOOKING WHERE I WAS GOING.

HUFF

HUFF

HE'S IN... THE WAITING ROOM...

GUYS, WE'VE GOT TROUBLE!! THE PRES-IDENT!!

DEAD...

WHA...

!!

WHAT THE HELL...

WHO

ARE YOU...?

BUT THE SAPRAIZ IS GONNA START SOON...

THE BATH-ROOMS ARE PROBABLY ALL FULL.

KEIGO'S LATE.

MAKO?

H...
HEY!

MAKO!?

HUH?

WHAT!?

WHAT'S THAT!?

IT'S A TINY MASCOT!

BZZT

MAKO!!

WAH!

...!!

WHAT THE...!?

TESTING, TESTING.

AH...

UM...

!!

ARE YOU HAVING FUN?

ALL YOU MASCOT FANS,

YEAH... BUT DOESN'T THAT VOICE...

LOOKS LIKE IT'S STARTED

HUH?

HUMANS...

SEEM A LITTLE YOUNG...?

THIS ANNOUNCE-MENT IS GETTING WEIRD...

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT LETS THEM FUNCTION?

I HAVE TO FIND MAKO...!

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!

IS "LIES."

EXCUSE ME! I NEED TO GET THROUGH!

THE ANSWER

THE HELL'S HE TALKING ABOUT?

HUMANS ARE ABLE TO FUNCTION BECAUSE OF "LIES."

BUT YOU SEE,

LIES ARE BEAUTIFUL THINGS.

SHIBUYA

NAGOYA

SAPPORO

I LOVE MASCOTS.

THEY ARE SUCH BEAUTIFUL LIES THAT HUMANS HAVE CREATED.

AND I...

SASEBO

HIROSHIMA

DAD!

AKO!

!!

HAVE FOUND A WAY TO MAKE "LIES" INTO "TRUTH."

AND NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO DEMONSTRATE IT TO ALL OF YOU.

MAKOTO...? NO, BUT...

DAD! HAVE YOU SEEN MAKO!?

THIS FESTIVAL'S SURPRISE EVENT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

THE FESTIVAL...

WILL CON-TINUE...

FOR ALL ETERNITY...

WHAT...?

I HAVE A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS..

PLEASE OBSERVE, EVERYONE.

NOW.

AND HAVE FUN.

BZZT

マスコットフェスティバル

マスコットフェスティバル

DID THE BROADCAST CUT OUT?

SOME ACT?

WHAT EVEN WAS THAT?

...IS THAT IT?

YEAH.

MOMMY, I'M HUNGRY!

LET'S GO.

LAME.

...NOTHING'S HAPPENING

.....

I SHOULD GET BACK TO AKO AND MAKOTO.

LET'S GET SOMETHING TO EAT AND GO HOME, OKAY?

REALLY!? YAAY!!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

HMM... CAKE!

THAT'S A DESSERT. CAN YOU THINK OF SOMETHING HEALTHIER?

UH...

THEN MEAT! I WANT YAKINI—

KU-

!?...

HUH?

ポタッ

AH...

WH...

ZOOO

CALL THE POLICE! THE POLICE!!

HE JUST KILLED SOMEONE!!

WHAT THE SHIT!?

AAAA

AH!!

I'M...

MOVE

WHAT IS THIS THING?

OH FUCK.

I'M GONNA BE KILLED.

AM I THINKING RIGHT NOW?

IS COMING

WHAT...

IS THIS THE SURPRISE?

IT'S GONNA KILL ME.

IT'S GONNA KILL ME TOO.

IT'S LOOKING AT ME.

WHAT AM I DOING?

OH CRAP.

RUN!!

THAT'S OBVIOUS

WHAT DO I DO!?

IT'S OVER...

GONNA DIE...

HURRY!

RUN!

MOVE!

OH SHIT
OH SHIT
OH SHIT
OH SHIT
OH SHIT
OH SHIT
OH SHIT
OH SHIT
OH SHIT
OH SHIT

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

MOVE.

АААА-
АААН-
НННН-
НННН!!

!

!!

ЗАЧЕМ ОН ТАК ДЕЛАЕТ?

WHAT THE FUCK...

OH SHIT!!

.....

IS GOING ON!!?

I HAVE TO GET BACK TO AKO AND MAKOTO!!

NO... THAT DOESN'T MATTER!

WHAT WAS THAT GUY...!?

A SERIAL KILLER...!?

AAAA-
AHH!!

EEEEE-
EEEK!!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?

LET ME GO!

GYAAA-
AAHH!!

NO! STOP! STOO-OOP!!

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

.....!!

HUFF

HUFF

I KNOW YOU'LL PROTECT THEM!

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS,

DAMN IT..

ARE THEY OKAY!?

WHAT IS GOING ON!!?

WHAT THE FUCK...

AKO...!!

MAKOTO...

HELP_

HUH?

!!!

YOU TWO OKAY!?

GET OUT OF HERE! HURRY!!

I'LL CARRY HIM!

BUT... MY DAD'S HURT...!

THA... THANK YOU!

JUST A MOMENT!

UM...

ALRIGHT, LET'S GET GOING!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT!!

WE GOT SEPA- RATED...

I NEED TO LOOK FOR MY FRIENDS!

WHAT!?

WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS...

UM...!

THEN PLEASE

TAKE CARE OF MY FATHER.

!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

RRGH!!

FINE, LET'S GO!!

GOT IT!

IT'S NEAR HERE... THEY MIGHT HAVE GONE BACK THERE!

中央公園

UM... THE PARK!

WHERE'RE WE HEADED!?

SSHHH

FIZZSH

OKAY!

BUT WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!

HHHZZZ

HUFF

DAMN...

HUFF

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'D WAIT AROUND WITH ALL THIS CRAP GOING ON...

THEY'RE NOT HERE!!

!!

KEI!!

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FIND THEM LIKE THIS!!

SHIT!!

WHAT SHOULD I DO...

!

YOUR DAD'S HURT!?

AKO!

KEI! YOU'RE OKAY!

AKO!?

HE'S..

!

...HJH? WHERE'S MAKOTO...?

AH.

THAT'S... THE GUY I SAW...

WHA...!?

SO I THOUGHT... HE MIGHT HAVE COME BACK TO THE PARK...

BJT I CAN'T F.ND HIM ANYWHERE!

I'M SORRY!!

HE RAN OFF BEFORE THAT BROADCAST... I TRIED TO FIND HIM, BUT...

ISN'T THE TIME TO STAND AROUND TALKING.

THIS...

HEY!!

I'M SO SORRY!!

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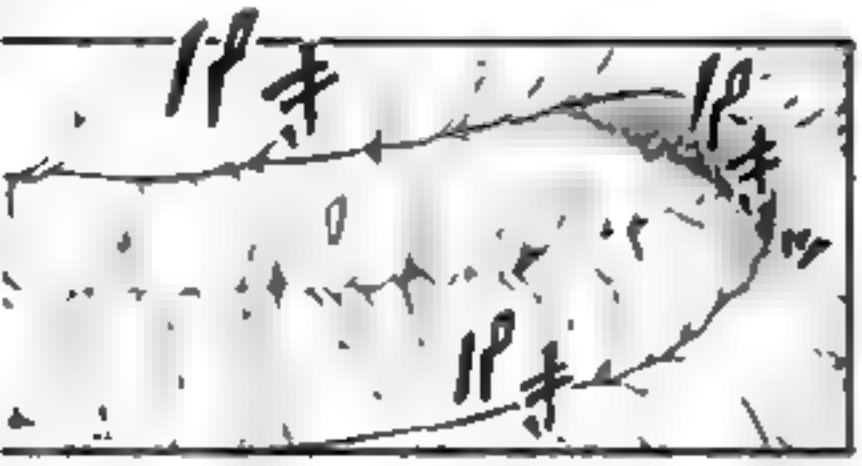
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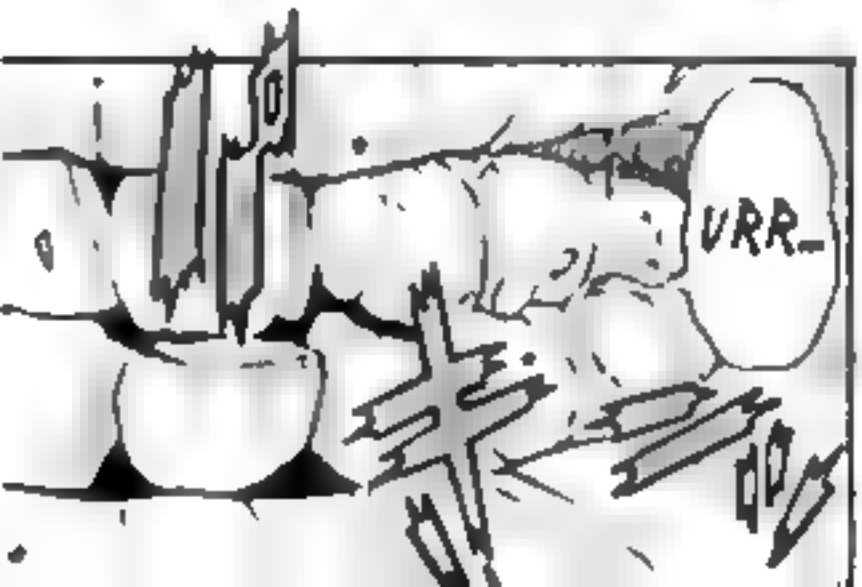
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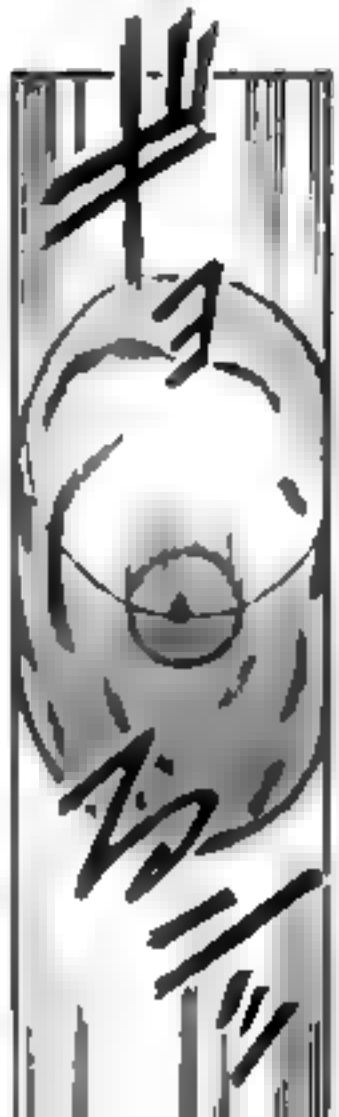

THAT'S THE ONE YOU JUST SHOT...
H...HOW?

AHH!

IT FELT WRONG

TO KEEP CALLING IT JUST A COSTUME.

IT'S... A MONSTER...

IT WAS LIKE...

LIKE IT WAS A LIVING BEING...

MAKOTO...

WHERE ARE YOU...!?

SZZT

SFT

MAKOTO!!!

YOU EVER HEAR THIS ONE MYTH?

HEY... BITCH.

AND THEN, ONE DAY,

A GODDESS APPEARED BEFORE HIM AND BROUGHT THE STATUE TO LIFE.

THE NAME OF THAT MYTH IS...

THE KING OF CYPRUS DIDN'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN WOMEN,

BUT HE FELL IN LOVE WITH A STATUE OF A WOMAN HE CARVED HIMSELF.

PYGMALION.

AM THE KING OF CYPRUS.

AND I